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CONTACT BY BUENOS AIRES PROVINCE GOVERNOR
WITH ACTIVE DUTY ARMY OFFICERS
TO PLOT A COUP

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On 3/11/75, an official of the Argentine Army
Intelligence Service (SIE), made available the following
information: (S) (U)

The SIE has received information from generally
reliable sources indicating that Buenos Aires Provincial
Governor VICTOR CALABRO had been in recent contact with active
duty Army Officers holding the rank of Lieutenant Colonel
and Colonel, during which CALABRO expressed disgust with the
incumbent Argentine Government, specifically President PERON and
her consort, JOSE LOPEZ REGA (S) (U)

CALABRO, speaking as an experienced former union
leader, assured the Army Officers that the unions were fed up
with LOPEZ REGA and desired to put an end to the incumbent
Argentine Government. CALABRO assured the Army Officers, whom
he contacted that the unions would stand by the Army should
they bring about a coup to overthrow the PERON government and would
be willing partners with the Army in forming a new government.
CALABRO assured the Army Officers that the Army as an institution
would not be going out on a limb in staging a coup since the
unions would be behind the Army all the way, provided the Army
and the unions entered into the new government as equal partners. (S) (U)

As of 3/11/75, the foregoing information had not
yet been assigned an evaluation by SIE. (S) (U)

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